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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER LISTS ALLEGED CIA AGENTS WHO HAVE SERVED IN ICELAND

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1. FAR LEFTIST NEWSPAPER THJODVILJINN TODAY PUBLISHED IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLE LIST OF 15 ALLEGED CIA AGENTS WHO HAD SERVED IN ICELAND AT SOME POINT IN PAST 25 YEARS. NAMES WERE TAKEN FROM BOOK "WHO'S WHO IN CIA" PUBLISHED IN BERLIN IN 1968. THJODVILJINN STATED LIST IS BEING SUBMITTED TO ICELANDIC SUPREME COURT AS PART OF DOCUMENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH LIBEL SUIT BEING BROUGHT AGAINST NEWSPAPER. CURRENT LIBEL SUIT IS ALLEGEDLY LARGEST OF SERIES OF SUCH SUITS WHICH HAVE BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST NEWSPAPER FOLLOWING BITTER ATTACKS BY THJODVILJINN ON SPONSORS OF "PROTECTED COUNTRY" PETITION WHICH WAS CIRCULATED IN ICELAND IN EARLY 1974 TO OBTAIN SIGNATURES IN SUPPORT OF RETENTION OF US-MANNED NATO BASE IN KEFLAVIK. SUPREME COURT HEARING ON LIBEL SUIT IN QUESTION BEGINS TODAY.

2. LIST OF 15 "AGENTS" MENTIONED IN THJODVILJINN IS AS FOLLOWS:
ALTROGGEN, RUDOLF OTTO, BORN 1918. FROM 1951 FOR CIA
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IN DUBLIN, REYKJAVIK AND VIENNA.
CARD, WARREN HAROLD, BORN 1926. FROM 1962 FOR CIA IN REYKJAVIK AND WASHINGTON.
DANIELLS, PETER KENT, BORN 1924. FROM 1959 FOR CIA IN PARIS, COPENHAGEN, REYKJAVIK, MADRID, ADDIS ABABA AND BAMACO (SIC).
EKERN, HALVOR O., BORN 1917. FROM 1964 FOR CIA IN

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VIENNA, REYKJAVIK, FREETOWN AND WASHINGTON.
FOOSE, RICHARD T., BORN 1920. FROM 1959 FOR CIA IN
FRANKFURT, REYKJAVIK, GOTHENBURG, LAHORE, MEXICO CITY
AND WASHINGTON.
HOLOMANY, MATILD E., BORN 1912. FROM 1954 FOR CIA
IN PARIS, MADRID, REYKJAVIK, CAIRO, FRANKFURT, VIENNA,
HAVANA AND W-BERLIN.
JOHNSON, VALDEMAR N. L., BORN 1912. FROM 1954 FOR CIA
IN OSLO, WARSAW, REYKJAVIK, AND WASHINGTON.
LUCKETT, CHARLES E., BORN 1920. FROM 1925 (SIC) FOR
CIA IN ROTTERDAM AND REYKJAVIK.
MESSING, DR. GORDON M, BORN 1917. FROM 1962 FOR CIA
IN VIENNA, ATHENS, REYKJAVIK AND WASHINGTON.
NEUCHTERLEIN, DR. DONALD E., BORN 1925. FROM 1952 FOR
CIA IN REYKJAVIK, BANKOK (SIC) AND WASHINGTON.
OLMSTEDT (SIC), MARY SEYMOUR, BORN 1919. FROM 1956 FOR CIA
IN MONTREAL, AMSTERDAM, REYKJAVIK, VIENNA, NEW DELHI
AND WASHINGTON.
SIMENSON, WILLIAM C., BORN 1925. FROM 1962 IN REYKJAVIK,
OSLO AND HELSINKI.
TOLF, DR. ROBERT W., BORN 1929. FROM 1957 FOR CIA IN
REYKJAVIK, OSLO, WASHINGTON AND ZURICH.
TOUMANOFF, VLADIMIR I., BORN 1923. FROM 1960 FOR CIA
IN REYKJAVIK, FRANKFURT, MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON.
WITT, WILLIAM HENRY, BORN 1919. FROM 1957 FOR CIA IN
COPENHAGEN, HELSINKI, REYKJAVIK AND PRETORIA.
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3. "PROTECTED COUNTRY" PETITION SPONSORS HAVE ALREADY
WON SEVERAL OF THE LIBEL SUITS AGAINST THJODVILJINN.
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4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE
WHICH DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE CONCERNING BOOK
"WHO'S WHO IN CIA" MENTIONED ABOVE FOR USE IN RESPONDING
TO POSSIBLE QUERIES FROM INTERESTED ICELANDERS. EMBASSY
HAS COPY OF BOOK AVAILABLE.

5. IN THE MEANWHILE EMBASSY PLANS TO ANSWER ANY IN-
QUIRIES ALONG FOLLOWING LINE WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS
STANDARD COMMENT IN SUCH CASES: "THE UNITED STATES AS
A MATTER OF PRACTICE DOES NOT COMMENT ON ALLEGATIONS
CONCERNING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES".
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